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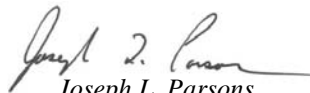
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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.


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Mid-Year Acreage Highlights

Nebraska corn growers planted 9.0 million acres for all purposes in 2008, down 4 percent from last year but still the second largest planted area since 1936. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 86 percent of the planted acreage, up from 79 percent last year. Nebraska soybean producers planted 4.75 million acres, up 25 percent from 2007. Biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides accounted for 97 percent of the planted acreage, up from 96 percent last year. Last fall, winter wheat was sown on 1.8 million acres, down 12 percent from 2007. Area for harvest, at 1.7 million, is down 13 percent from 2007.

Sorghum growers planted 350,000 acres, unchanged from 2007. Alfalfa hay acreage for harvest, at 1.05 million, is down 9 percent from last year. Other types of hay, at 1.45 million acres, are down 3 percent from a year earlier. Proso Millet plantings, at 165,000 acres, are up 14 percent from 2007. Oat seedings, at 120,000 acres, are unchanged from 2007. Dry edible bean producers planted 120,000 acres, up 9 percent from a year earlier. Sunflower acreage of 60,000 is up 22 percent from a year ago. Sugarbeet plantings of 46,000 acres are down 3 percent from 2007.

Crop Summary: Acres Planted and Harvested, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2008

Crop	Nebraska				United States				
	2006	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	2006	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	
1,000 Acres				Percent	1,000 Acres				Percent
Planted Acreage									
Corn	8,100	9,400	9,000	96	78,327	93,600	87,327	93	
Soybeans	5,050	3,800	4,750	125	75,522	63,631	74,533	117	
Sorghum	370	350	350	100	6,522	7,718	7,271	94	
Oats	160	120	120	100	4,168	3,760	3,467	92	
Proso Millet	135	145	165	114	580	570	605	106	
Dry Beans	140	110	120	109	1,630	1,527	1,398	92	
Sugar Beets	61.3	47.5	46.0	97	1,366	1,269	1,080	85	
Winter Wheat	1,800	2,050	1,800	88	40,575	44,987	46,605	104	
Sunflower - Oil	34	35	40	114	1,658	1,764	1,850	105	
- Non-oil	19	14	20	143	292	304	314	103	
- All	53	49	60	122	1,950	2,068	2,164	105	
Acres for Harvest ¹									
Corn	7,750	9,200	8,750	95	70,648	86,542	78,940	91	
Soybeans	5,010	3,770	4,700	125	74,602	62,820	72,121	115	
Sorghum	240	240	240	100	4,937	6,805	6,405	94	
Oats	45	35	40	114	1,566	1,505	1,443	96	
Proso Millet	110	130	²		475	515	²		
Dry Beans	124	107	115	107	1,538	1,479	1,339	91	
Sugar Beets	57.8	44.3	39.0	88	1,304	1,247	1,027	82	
All Hay	2,800	2,650	2,500	94	60,927	61,625	60,439	98	
Winter Wheat	1,700	1,960	1,700	87	31,117	35,952	40,252	112	
Sunflower - Oil	31	33	38	115	1,514	1,717	1,768	103	
- Non-oil	18	13	19	146	256	293	295	101	
- All	49	46	57	124	1,770	2,010	2,063	103	

¹Forecasted. ²Estimates to be released January 2009 in Annual Crop Production Summary.

Source: USDA NASS Acreage June 30, 2008

Grain Stocks

Nebraska corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 395 million bushels, up 7 percent from June 1, 2007. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 55 million bushels, down 48 percent from 2007 but still the fourth highest on record. Wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 9.9 million bushels, down 27 percent from a year ago and the lowest since 1952.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008, totaled 4.03 billion bushels, up 14 percent from June 1, 2007. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 676 million bushels, down 38 percent from last year. All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2008, totaled 306 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago.

Grain Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2006-2008

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	June 1, 2006	June 1, 2007	June 1, 2008	<u>2008</u> 2007	June 1, 2006	June 1, 2007	June 1, 2008	<u>2008</u> 2007
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>		<i>1,000 Bushels</i>		<i>Percent</i>	
Corn								
On Farms	275,000	180,000	180,000	100	2,350,500	1,826,600	1,970,900	108
Off Farms ¹	225,781	188,516	215,182	114	2,011,199	1,706,843	2,057,117	121
Total	500,781	368,516	395,182	107	4,361,699	3,533,443	4,028,017	114
All Wheat								
On Farms	1,600	700	200	29	111,010	73,190	25,635	35
Off Farms ¹	14,893	12,864	9,687	75	460,180	382,963	279,983	73
Total	16,493	13,564	9,887	73	571,190	456,153	305,618	67
Soybeans								
On Farms	27,500	37,000	12,000	32	495,500	500,000	226,600	45
Off Farms ¹	47,809	69,895	43,112	62	495,199	592,185	449,491	76
Total	75,309	106,895	55,112	52	990,699	1,092,185	676,091	62
Sorghum								
On Farms	2,200	1,100	1,100	100	12,650	5,380	7,000	130
Off Farms ¹	7,106	7,532	8,256	110	102,213	69,490	89,805	129
Total	9,306	8,632	9,356	108	114,863	74,870	96,805	129
Oats								
On Farms	790	350	200	57	25,190	18,400	16,100	88
Off Farms ¹	2	2	2		27,376	32,198	50,704	157
Total	2	2	2		52,566	50,598	66,804	132

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

² Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks, June 30, 2008

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary June 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		Jun 2007 ¹	May 2008 ¹	Jun 15, 2008	Jun 2007 ¹	May 2008 ¹	Jun 15, 2008	% of Parity	Parity Price ²
Wheat, All	Bushels	\$4.94	\$ 8.89	\$ 9.00	\$ 5.03	\$ 8.87	\$ 8.28	61	\$13.50
Corn	Bushels	3.64	5.13	6.00	3.53	5.28	6.12	72	8.51
Oats	Bushels	3.06	4.24	4.30	2.54	3.63	3.64	66	5.53
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	6.37	9.23	10.50	6.11	9.32	11.70	77	15.20
Soybeans	Bushels	7.18	12.50	13.50	7.51	12.10	13.50	64	21.00
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	96.00	90.00	92.00	131.00	166.00	161.00		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	96.00	92.00	93.00	137.00	177.00	172.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	92.00	81.00	81.00	111.00	134.00	130.00		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	26.20	36.90	37.20	24.40	35.70	38.60	56	68.50
Hogs	Cwt.	55.90	58.10	55.40	54.30	55.30	53.60	38	141.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	56.30	58.70	55.90	55.10	56.60	54.70		
Sows	Cwt.	38.50	28.00	31.00	37.40	25.10	27.50		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	92.40	95.30	94.50	88.80	91.10	91.60	36	258.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	93.60	96.50	95.60	93.20	95.90	95.90		
Cows	Cwt.	52.20	58.00	58.00	50.10	53.90	53.80		
Calves	Cwt.	129.00	118.00	119.00	124.00	119.00	120.00	32	374.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.60	29.50		28.20	27.70			118.00
Lambs	Cwt.	93.10	95.00		96.80	100.00			293.00

¹ Entire month average except hay.

² Parity price based on data for June 2008.

Hogs and Pigs

Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008, was 3.40 million head. This was 8 percent above June 1, 2007 and up 3 percent from March 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 360,000 head, was unchanged from June 1, 2007, and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 3.04 million head, was 9 percent above last year and 3 percent above last quarter.

Inventory of all hogs and pigs in the United States was 67.7 million head on June 1, 2008. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: June 1 Inventory, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, Nebraska and United States 2007-2008¹

Item	Nebraska			United States		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
June 1 Inventory						
All hogs and pigs	3,150	3,400	108	63,951	67,661	106
Breeding	360	360	100	6,120	6,069	99
Market	2,790	3,040	109	57,830	61,591	107
Market Hogs & Pigs						
Under 60 pounds	1,040	1,130	109	21,782	22,587	104
60-119 pounds	730	810	111	14,339	15,167	106
120-179 pounds	580	650	112	11,790	12,907	109
180 pounds and over	440	450	102	9,920	10,931	110
Sows Farrowing						
December-February ²	180	190	106	2,905	3,067	106
March-May	185	190	103	3,033	3,092	102
December-May ²	365	380	104	5,938	6,159	104
June-August ³	200	190	95	3,132	3,070	98
September-November ³	195	190	97	3,180	3,052	96
June-November ³	395	380	96	6,312	6,122	97
Pig Crop						
December-February ²	1,656	1,805	109	26,396	28,352	107
March-May	1,748	1,824	104	27,896	29,000	104
December-May ²	3,404	3,629	107	54,293	57,352	106
June-August	1,900			29,094		
September-November	1,862			29,511		
June-November	3,762			58,606		

¹May not add due to rounding.

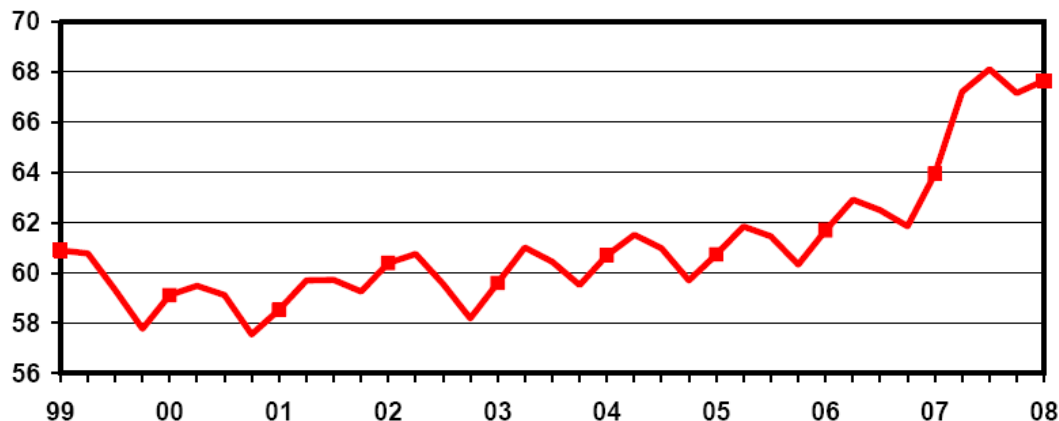
²December preceding year.

³Intentions for 2008.

Source: USDA NASS Quarterly Hog and Pigs, June 27, 2008

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory June 1

Million Head



Commercial Livestock Slaughter

May 2008 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. May 2007 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. May 2008 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, May 2008 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	May 2008 Percent of	
		May 2007	Apr 2008
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	652.6	104	107
Hogs, head	582.5	96	84
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	631.4	104	101
United States			
Cattle, head	3,139.7	103	106
Calves, head	71.1	121	97
Hogs, head	9,062.7	103	91
Sheep & Lambs, head	206.4	94	93
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	4,222.3	104	98

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter June 20, 2008

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, May 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	May 2008 Percent of	
		May 2007	Apr 2008
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	1,020,428	110	92
Beef	427,450	104	99
Pork	567,556	115	87
Poultry	1,273,327	125	102
Turkey	516,401	130	105
Chicken	754,535	123	100

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage June 20, 2008

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, May 2008 with Comparisons

Item	2007	2008	2008/2007
<i>Millions</i>			
<i>Percent</i>			
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.0	9.6	87
United States	342.5	340.3	99
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	242	236	98
United States	6,475	6,429	99
Chickens Hatched, May			
United States			
Egg-type	38.1	42.7	112
Broiler	835.8	823.7	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs June 23, 2008

Thanks !

Thank you to the many Nebraska farmers and ranchers who participated in the USDA NASS midyear surveys. This publication highlights the results of those efforts. This basic supply data on crop acreage, grain stocks, and hog inventories is a significant piece of the information grain and livestock buyers and sellers utilize to ensure fair, efficient markets, reducing overall price volatility.

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